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re: San Diego Association of Governments
1997-99 TIP Amendment 4

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

Thank you for the letter, dated March 6, 1997, written on your behalf by Mr. Jim Nicholas, approving the San Diego Association of Governments 1997-99 TIP Amendment 4 Transit Element. The Element comprises the projects proposed for funding under FTA Sections 5307, 5309 and 5311.

The Amendment was developed by a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134, and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC app 1607). The Amendment projects are exempt from the requirement of a conformity determination (40 CFR Section 93.134). Our finding was coordinated with the Federal Highway Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency.

This letter constitutes FTA approval for inclusion of the Transit Element projects in the California 1997-99 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Sincerely,

Leslie Rogers
Regional Administrator

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